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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Attorney Docket	10981620-1
First Named Inventor	Delenstarr
Application Number	09/398,399
Filing Date	September 17, 1999
Group Art Unit	1655
Examiner Name	B. Sisson
Title	Techniques for Assessing Non-Specific Binding of Nucleic Acids to Surfaces

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in the above-identified application from February 7, 2001 to March 7, 2001.

A request extension for extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows:

_X_	One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	$110.00
___	Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	$
___	Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	$
___	Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	$
___	Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)	$

A small entity statement under 37 CFR 1.27:

___   is enclosed.

___   has already been filed in this application.

_X_   Please charge the Deposit Account Number 50-0815 $110.00.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-0815.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 2. 09.01

By: _____

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